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Please amend the claims as follows. Applicant respectfully reserves the right to prosecute any originally presented or canceled claims in a continuing or future application.

1. (Previously Presented) A method for retrieving and viewing webpages in a web browser operating on a user's computer, comprising the sequential steps of:

- submitting, from said web browser, a search request to a search engine located on the Internet;
- receiving a rank-ordered hyperlink list from said search engine to form a queue of hyperlinks;
- automatically loading a plurality of webpages referred to by said queue of hyperlinks to form a rank-ordered queue of webpages stored on the user's computer; and
- viewing said webpages in the web browser.

2. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 where said loading is accomplished by preloading a selectable number of webpages pointed to by a selectable number of hyperlinks in the queue of hyperlinks.

3-5. (Canceled)

6. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 where said loading is further accomplished by concurrently preloading a predetermined number of webpages pointed to by hyperlinks in the queue of hyperlinks.

7. (Original) The method of claim 1 where said loading is accomplished by determining the available network download bandwidth and preloading a predetermined number of webpages based on such available network download bandwidth.

8. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 where said loading is further accomplished by:

- determining that a processor within the user's computer isn't saturated; and

preloading a predetermined number of webpages based on the processor's non-saturation state.

9. (Previously Presented) A method of displaying webpages in a web browser operating on a user's computer, including:

displaying a plurality of fully functional webpages in a single web browser at the same time such that all of said plurality of fully functional webpages are simultaneously visible to the user.

10. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 9 where said fully functional webpages are preloaded webpages that correspond to hyperlinks in a rank-ordered queue of hyperlinks returned by a search engine.

11-15. (Canceled)

16. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 9 including changing the number of webpages that are simultaneously displayed according to an input from the user.

17. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 9 including selectively saving the queue of hyperlinks or a portion thereof as a group bookmark hyperlink list that may be loaded in a web browser at a later time.

18. (Canceled)

19. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 10 including selectively deleting webpages displayed or queued for display.

20. (Canceled)

21. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 including selectively saving the queue of hyperlinks or a portion thereof as a group bookmark hyperlink list that may be loaded in a web browser at a later time.

22. (Previously Presented) A method for retrieving and viewing webpages in a single web browser operating on a user's computer, comprising the sequential steps of:

submitting, from said single web browser, a search request to a search engine located on the Internet;

receiving a rank-ordered hyperlink list from said search engine;

automatically loading a plurality of webpages referred to by said hyperlink list to form a rank-ordered queue of webpages stored on the user's computer; and

viewing said webpages in said single web browser such that a plurality of fully functional webpages are displayed in said single web browser at the same time.

23. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 22 where said loading is accomplished by preloading a selectable number of webpages corresponding to a selectable number of hyperlinks in the queue of hyperlinks.

24. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 22 including changing the number of webpages that are simultaneously displayed according to an input from the user.

25. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 22 including selectively saving the queue of hyperlinks or a portion thereof as a group bookmark hyperlink list that may be loaded in a web browser at a later time.

26. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 22 where said loading is further accomplished by concurrently preloading a predetermined number of webpages pointed to by hyperlinks in the queue of hyperlinks.

27. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 22 where said loading is further accomplished by determining the available network download bandwidth and preloading

a predetermined number of webpages based on such available network download bandwidth.

28. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 22 where said loading is further accomplished by:

determining that a processor within the user's computer isn't saturated; and
preloading a predetermined number of webpages based on the processor's non-saturation state.

29. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 22 including selectively deleting webpages displayed or queued for display.

30. (Previously Presented) A method for retrieving and viewing webpages in a single web browser operating on a user's computer, comprising the sequential steps of:

simultaneously submitting, from said web browser, a search request to multiple search engines located on the Internet;
receiving a rank-ordered hyperlink list from each of said multiple search engines;
automatically forming a single queue of hyperlinks from all hyperlink lists received;
automatically loading a plurality of webpages referred to by said single queue of hyperlinks to form a queue of webpages stored on the user's computer; and
viewing said webpages in the web browser.

31. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 30 where viewing said webpages includes displaying a plurality of fully functional webpages in a single web browser at the same time such that all of said plurality of fully functional webpages are simultaneously visible to the user.

32. (Canceled)

33. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 30 including selectively saving the queue of hyperlinks or a portion thereof as a group bookmark hyperlink list that may be loaded in a web browser at a later time.